

Public Notice – Environmental Project

PURPOSE OF NOTICE:

The Department of Environmental Quality seeks public comment on the state's response to the environmental aspects of a proposed activity in Richmond, Virginia

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

March 8, 2013 to March 29, 2013

TYPE OF RESPONSE:

Federal Consistency Determination

DEQ is reviewing the proposed holding of a crew boat regatta on the lower James River in Richmond to determine whether the activity would be consistent with the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program (VCP) established pursuant to the federal Coastal Zone Management Act. The VCP seeks to protect the quality of air, water, and other natural resources in Virginia's coastal area.

NAME OF AGENCY PROPOSING THE PROJECT:

U.S. Department of Homeland Security: U.S. Coast Guard

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Coast Guard intends to issue a CG-4424 Permit for Marine Event to the Virginia Commonwealth University's Crew Club, which will hold a "Collegiate Regatta" on the lower James River on March 30, 2013 between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM. The location is between positions 37-30-02 N/077-25-16 W and 37-31-12 N/077-25-02 W. Approximately 40 boats are expected to participate. The boats are crew shell boats that do not use any mechanical propulsion. Crews will enter the James River from the Rocketts Landing Boathouse, which already has an established and approved dock. The Coast Guard states that the proposed activity will be conducted in accordance with the enforceable policies of Virginia's Coastal Zone Management Program (VCP).

HOW TO COMMENT:

DEQ accepts comments from the public by e-mail, fax, or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address, and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may review the project document at DEQ's central office in Richmond.

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